

**WISCONSIN STATE LAW LIBRARY**  
**Computer and Network Use Policy**  
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All users of the Library's electronic information resources including the internet are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with law-related research and information purposes and are subject to the following guidelines.

**It is unacceptable to use the Library's computers, network, or internet access in any of the following ways:**

- For any purpose that violates applicable U.S., state, or local laws and regulations.
- For downloading or printing files and other resources obtained via the internet or the Library's network in violation of applicable copyright laws and licensing agreements.
- For downloading software, executable files, databases, and similar "live" technology to Library computer or network disk drives.
- In a manner that destroys or damages equipment, software, network functions, or data belonging to the Library.
- In a manner that disrupts or interferes with Law Library network services. This includes, but is not limited to: propagation of computer viruses, worms, or similar programs; excessive use of connect time or printing resources (including printing of images); attempts to add, modify, or remove Library system software or other system elements (including wallpaper, screensavers, etc.); attempts to evade system security measures or network access rights; distribution of spam, advertising, or unsolicited e-mail; harassment, libeling, or slandering of others.
- In a manner that disrupts or interferes with other Library computer users. This includes, but is not limited to: harassment of others, and displaying or printing text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as offensive to others. Laptop users must mute volume or use headphones.

**Limitations on Use**

Due to the limited Library resources available for providing public access to the internet and other network resources, the Library reserves the right to periodically set limits on the use of public-access computers in order to ensure equitable access to electronic resources.

- The Library reserves the right to regularly delete files from computer and network disk drives.
- The Library reserves the right to impose time limitations on the use of Library computers.
- Library computers may not be used to access chat or instant messaging. Users may check or send e-mail on an existing remote account.

### **Violation of These Guidelines**

- Users violating these guidelines will be advised of the Library's guidelines for use and will be asked to comply. A failure to comply may be considered a violation of the Library's Public Computer Use Policy.
- The Library reserves the right to terminate network connections for users who repeat a violation of these guidelines after a previous warning.
- The Library reserves the right to prohibit those users who violate these guidelines from future access to or use of the Library's network services.
- The Library reserves the right to revoke all Library privileges for those users who violate these guidelines.

### **Disclaimers**

- The Library does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or timeliness of information obtained through the internet. Verifying the accuracy of information is the responsibility of the originator or producer, and assessing accuracy and timeliness of information is the responsibility of the user.
- Internet resources may contain material of a controversial nature. Selection policies governing the Library's acquisition of library materials are not applicable to general internet access. The Library does not endorse any viewpoint represented on the internet. The Library does not attempt to control access to or content of materials available on the internet and cannot protect users from offensive information, except as specifically stated in this policy.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of its computers, network facilities, or Internet access.